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Applicant : Syuichi IKENOUE et al.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121, please substitute for Claim 7 the following rewritten version of Claim 7, as amended. The changes made are shown explicitly in the attached "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

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7. (Once Amended) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the cationic electrodeposition coating composition (A) is a lead-free cationic electrodeposition coating composition further containing a bismuth-containing compound.

Please add new Claims 10 to 12 as follows:

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